

Cooperative Oxford Laboratory

Pathobiology- Developing and applying histopathological, clinical, biochemical, and microbiological approaches to study disease of shellfish, marine mammals, and sea turtles

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National Marine Analytical Quality Assurance Program- Assess and Improve the quality of analytical measurements and assessment of trends in the marine environment through interlaboratory comparisons, reference materials development, and cryogenic environmental specimen banking.

Paul Becker, PhD- paul.becker@nist.gov Development of protocols for contaminant sampling and cryogenic environmental specimen banking; coordination of quality assurance programs; effects of contaminants on marine mammals; transfer and fate of anthropogenic contaminants in Arctic ecosystems.
Steven J. Christopher, PhD- steven.christoper@nist.gov Application of inductively coupled plasma techniques for quantifying inorganic species; chemical measurements of marine samples and certification of Standard Reference Materials; development of novel instrumental methods for increasing the accuracy and precision of elemental analysis; mercury analysis.
John R. Kucklick, PhD- john.kucklick@nist.gov Analysis of current-use pesticides, organochlorine contaminants and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in marine and freshwater samples; bioaccumulation of organic pollutants in aquatic food webs; mass spectrometry of organic compounds of environmental concern. Quality assurance of contaminant measurements in marine samples.
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culturing and growth monitoring; Radioreceptor assay for NSP, CFP and ASP from shellfish, finfish and marine mammals
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